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1. At the JIOA meeting this morning, Wev took up the reply to the theatre questions concerning scientists in the Austrian zone. He read a JIS instruction turning this matter over to JIOA and saying that I had prepared the State Department comments. I explained the State Department's position and pointed out the advisability of handling this matter on a case to case basis. It was agreed to notify the Field that Austria was not within the policy applicable to Germany on this subject and that the theatre should send in the names and other data concerning the individuals involved. With respect to the immigration question, it was finally agreed that we would notify the Field that persons whose immigration to the United States were otherwise authorized were not prohibited from departing but that JCS should be kept informed of the identity of such persons, etc.

2. Wev submitted a proposed delegation to him of authority to act without concurrence of the Governing Committee in certain cases. He said that this was based on provision of the charter giving the Committee the power to issue rules and regulations for its own internal administration. I pointed out that one or two of these items could be interpreted as giving the Director the power to take substantive action on matters limited to internal administration without the knowledge of the Committee and that he could communicate with members of the State Department, for example, without consulting me. It was finally agreed to limit his authority to executing administrative matters and agreed sessions of the Committee and that contacts by him would be on administrative matters, but that in connection with the exploitation program the member of the committee whose Department was involved should be kept informed by the Director of his contacts. I pointed out in response to a question that Wev might deal directly with Flinn, for instance, as a member of the sub-committee on security, but otherwise Wev would have to deal directly with me.

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3. Neither Hagood nor Duborg produced any of the additional names of applicants sponsored by their services; Wev simply said that he had been pushing them.

4. It was decided to meet Thursday afternoon (June 13) to discuss the memorandum on the denial program submitted by Wev at this meeting.

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